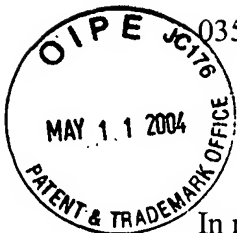


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The Japanese documents are discussed at pages 2 and 3 of the specification. U.S. Patent No. 6,578,764 is believed to be an English-language counterpart of Japan 2001-102604.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

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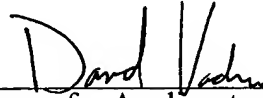
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